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CONFERENCE NOTICE

The 80th Semi-annual general conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Sunday, October 3, at 10 o'clock a. m. A full attendance of the officers and members is hereby requested.

When the conference adjourns on Monday afternoon, it will be until Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 10 o'clock a. m.

A general Priesthood meeting will be held in the Tabernacle on Monday evening, October 4, commencing at 7 o'clock.

The first Sunday of October being Conference, it is suggested that Sunday, Sept. 26, be observed as fast day in Salt Lake, Ensign, Pioneer, Liberty, Granite, and Jordan Saints.

A special Priesthood meeting will be held in the Assembly Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 5, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m.

JOSEPH F. SMITH,

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First Presidency.

DESERET SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

The semi-annual conference of the Deseret Sunday School Union will convene at the Tabernacle, Sunday evening, Oct. 3, at 7 o'clock. All are invited.

AFRAID OF UNITY.

No other inference is possible from the ravings of the Tribune about the "Federal bunch," the "church political machine," and "the secret rooms of the church headquarters," etc., in Monday's leading editorial, than this, that the sheet mentioned fears, more than anything else, a possible unity of effort among all citizens for good, honest, competent city government.

It fears, especially, the loss of control over non-"Mormon" voters, and it tries to keep them in its clutches by fabrications about "church interference," "church influence," "church control," and all kinds of other lies.

Now, this is precisely what we object to. We object to a clique of office seekers keeping themselves in power, in an American community, by means of gross falsehoods told about a church. Suppose that another clique should undertake to get into power by circulating falsehoods about the Catholic church. Suppose a band of A. P. A.'s, for instance, were to plot the capture of the City offices by the constant reiteration of stories about the Catholic church, and the Catholic priesthood. Suppose they were to tell in newspapers, pulpits, and pamphlets, publicly and privately, about the interference of the Catholic hierarchy in politics; about the alleged immorality of priests and nuns, and the menace of "cellulose" to the American home; suppose they were to reiterate the stories that have been in circulation ever since Protestantism and Romanism met on the field of battle—all for the purpose of intimidating voters, and inducing them to maintain an anti-Catholic party in power. Would not every true American citizen revolt against such a band of political pirates? Or, suppose a similar plot were carried out against the Hebrews? Suppose we had a party with the motto: "No Jews need apply." What would be the duty of American citizens confronted with such an un-American conspiracy? It would be just what it is now, when the shafts of hatred are hurled against the "Mormons," as they are in Russia against the Jews, and as they were in Germany against the Catholics during the famous "Kulturkampf."

We object to anti-"Mormonism" in American politics, as we would to anti-Catholicism, or anti-Semitism, because it is foreign to American institutions. The Church does not control city affairs, or any civil affairs, and does not want such control. It certainly protests against being made a constant target for poisoned arrows hurled against it by professed "Americans" who are a disgrace to that name, for political purposes.

LABOR AND PEACE

From Swedish papers received it is learned that the international peace conference that was called for the first week of this month and that was to have met at Stockholm, had to be postponed, owing, we presume, to the labor troubles existing at that time. A number of foreign delegates, however, came to Stockholm, and they were entertained in a banquet. Speeches were made by Mr. and Mrs. Maud, of Boston, E. T. Mottet, of Milano, and E. Waverly, of Stockholm.

It is really too bad to permit labor troubles to interfere with the work of the peace friends. For no other reform efforts are more directly in the interest of labor. Were standing armies done away with, the cost of government would be reduced. National debts could be paid and the rest would be still further decreased. Labor now devoted to military affairs could be applied to agriculture and commerce.

With no national indebtedness to pay interest on, no standing armies to maintain in idleness and more money and muscle to invest in productive enterprises, every country would be prosperous. There would be no labor trouble. Everyone, as the prophet of old says, would sit under his own vine and fig tree. There would be no neighbor afraid of neighbor. That is the ideal state at which the peace friends aim. Why should not the laborers of the world further that movement with all their strength?

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES.

There does not seem to be any strong reason for the contention that the Citizens are by law barred from selecting their candidates from any party tickets they may choose. Section 32, chapter 11 of the laws passed by the last Legislature, expressly gives to any convention of voters, to the number specified in section 32, as well as to a convention of delegates of a party previously recognized, the right to nominate candidates for public offices to be filled by election. A convention, this section defines as an organized assembly of voters or delegates representing a political party, previously in the field, and the provision is expressly made "that any voters, convention or committee of any political party may nominate any one or more persons or persons who may have been nominated by any other voters, convention or committee, but in making such nomination the name of such a nominee shall be placed upon the regular ticket of the political party represented by the voters, convention or committee making such nomination." The only thing the law wants to guard against is the placing upon the official ballot, by any political party, more than one ticket, or more than one group of candidates or to group the same persons on different tickets by the same party under a different name or emblem.

This seems to be clear enough. It expressly recognizes the right of a convention of voters to "nominate any one nominated by other voters, convention or committee." Section 32 stipulates that the certificate of nomination shall contain a statement by the voter that the name, or names, presented will not be printed upon the official ballot, or upon any party ticket, UNLESS they are placed on the official ballot under the name or device adopted in the certificate. The language in this section may not be quite as clear as might have been desirable, but it cannot be construed to annul the section that gives to the voters the right to nominate candidates already nominated by other parties.

HAILEY'S COMET.

Halley's comet, which has again become visible to astronomers on the lookout for it, is regarded as one of the most remarkable wandering stars known. Halley calculated that it required 76 years to complete its orbit around the sun, and he predicted its re-appearance in 1757. The comet was observed in 1682. It was represented in contemporary accounts as four times the size of Venus, with a light one-fourth the light of the moon. In 1402, the comet was again visible. Its tail, shaped like a sword, extended over a large part of the sky, and the star was watched with awe by the inhabitants of the earth, as a warning of impending disasters.

Comets no longer strike terror when they come in view. They are known to be part of the universe we inhabit, and subject to the same laws as other heavenly bodies. From the researches of Schiaparelli it is known that meteorites represent fragments of comets. Halley's comet has disappeared since 1852. It divided into two parts, and appeared in that form in 1844-45. It was later discovered in a belt of meteorites which approaches the earth's orbit each year, about November 27. The comets are composed of the same elements that make up the earth and the sun. The unity of the universe as to composition and ruling laws, is well established.

PROHIBITION WEEK.

This week is prohibition week in Chicago. The fortieth anniversary of the organization of the Prohibition party is being celebrated there with parades, speeches, and banquets.

One of the questions most frequently discussed in connection with the prohibition movement is this: Does prohibition prohibit? The opponents claim that drunkenness is even increased under prohibition laws.

under such laws, they would not spend thousands of dollars in a struggle for the legalizing of the drink traffic. If they could sell just as much liquor without licenses they would not fight for the right of paying a license.

THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER

The vanity of vanities is brag.

All the world loves a scandal.

Love isn't so blind as pig-headed.

The name of Annetook should be changed to Pearytook.

It is better to be a poor narrator than to be a poor relation.

Artists have their soul mates. Chess players have their stalemates.

The people of Los Angeles want California out in two, but it isn't.

Why not send the North Pole around the country like the Liberty Bell is sent?

If Bacon wrote Shakespeare, why wasn't it he who discovered the North Pole?

"Harriman's policies to be contended." Which means that his soul goes marching on.

The czar is said to be a very sick man. It is never very healthy for czars in Russia.

The North Pole hat will be very fashionable this winter. It will be made in two shapes.

The higher criticism has lowered itself in cutting down the age of Methuselah to seventy-eight years.

Comptroller Metz of New York is a chemist. As a frequently candidate he would soon precipitate a pretty fight.

"There are no flies on the United States," says Speaker Cannon. And there don't seem to be any on Uncle Joe.

Kermit doesn't appear to be following in his father's footsteps. He is doing some hunting on his own account.

At Ostend Louis Paulhan, the French aviator, won a prize of \$5,000 and then fell into the water. Prize goes before a fall.

It isn't nearly so dangerous to fly in the face of heaven as it used to be. This is owing to the advanced in the science of aviation.

It takes many, many seasons for the summer girl to reach the sear, and yellow state, but one season will do it for the summer flowers.

President Taft endorsed the Payne tariff bill even more strongly than he did Secretary Ballinger, which was much more strongly than Mr. Pluchot thought necessary.

The school arithmetics teach that sixteen ounces make a pound, but in the school of life experience teaches that fourteen to fifteen ounces of butter make a pound.

While addressing a meeting at Birmingham, Premier Asquith was interrupted by the frenzied action of suffragettes, who threw toy bombs and wielded axes. Suffragettes should not toy with such things; they are extremely dangerous.

A Chicago dispatch says it transpires that two leading watch manufacturing companies recently sent out simultaneously, but not concertedly, it is averred, notices to jobbers advising them that the price of watches is to be increased an average of 7 1/2 per cent on all lines. Such very strange coincidences will bear watching.

"ACT WELL YOUR PART."

Baltimore Sun.
But there is one great, striking difference between the theatrical stage and the great drama of human life. On the former, as a rule, the leading lights—the star actors and actresses—get most of the applause; those who are forced to play the lesser roles often get but scant notice. But on the great, wide stage where the Author of our being is both judge and audience, it matters not what part we play—whether it be prominent or obscure—provided we play it well. The host-mistress and the poor workman, who perform conscientiously and exactly the duties of their lowly state, may be far more pleasing to their Maker than the professional man, the monarch or the genius—certainly a comforting reflection.

ASSOCIATED PRESS ENTERPRISE

Pueblo Chieftain.

The action of the Associated Press in sending a tug to Battle Harbor, La. leader, to meet Commander Foster, is typical of the enterprise of that organization in carrying forward its special line of work, which is the collection and distribution of news. The Associated Press is not a news agency in the ordinary sense. It does not make a business of selling news to customers, but it is an organization of the newspapers by which news is collected from and distributed to the members of the association. In planning and effecting the work of this organization extraordinary talent and energy have been shown, and it is well within the truth to say that American newspapers and their readers today have better service than they ever had before, and better service than is given any other country of the world.

CUBA REALLY ENDEAVORING.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

President Gomez of Cuba, in a pamphlet issued by one of the Cuban newspapers, states that "Cuba has no more cordial nor loyal friend than the American people and government."

Emphasizing from such a source, this statement is distinctly interesting. Gomez himself was elected as an anti-American candidate, and his supporters were confident that he would worry and nag America as much as possible.

In matters of internal policy Gomez has occasionally shown weakness, but he has never justified the fear that was felt as to his hostility to all things American. Cuba, of course, owes her existence to the United States. Not only her existence, but every detail of her present physical prosperity, she owes her roads, her railroads, her agricultural development have co-operated to a considerable extent. The Cuban railroad, which connects the formerly inaccessible eastern end of the island with the capital and metropolis, was built and is operated by Canadians.

ated by Canadians. Canadian banks do a large business in the island. But Canada is merely the main follower of the United States, and Cubans themselves make no distinction between the Anglo-Saxon peoples.

THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER

It is utterly impossible to keep warm unless the feet are kept dry and warm all the time. If they are for the most part cold, there is cough, or worse throat, or hoarseness, or sick headache, or some other annoyance. If cold and dry, the feet should be soaked in hot water for ten minutes every night, and then wiped and dried, rub them with 10 or 15 drops of sweet oil, do this patiently with the hands, rubbing the oil into the soles of the feet particularly. On getting up in the morning dip both feet at once into water, as cold as the air of the room, half-dry, for a minute in summer, half a minute or less in winter, rubbing one foot with the other, then wipe dry, and if convenient hold them to the fire, rubbing them until perfectly dry and warm in every part. If the feet are damp and cold, attend only to the morning washings, but always at night remove the stockings and hold the feet to the fire, rubbing them with the hands for 15 minutes, and get immediately into bed. Persons who walk a great deal during the day should, on coming home for the night, remove the shoes and stockings, hold the feet to the fire until perfectly dry, put on a dry pair of hose, and wear slippers for the remainder of the evening.

JUST FOR FUN.

Modesty of Greatness.

Reporter-Senator, to what do you chiefly attribute your successful career?

Eminent Statesman-Entirely to heredity, young man. I deserve no credit for it whatever. My father had ambition and my mother had talent, and I happened to inherit both these qualifications.—Chicago Tribune.

A Question of Feet.

"How can a boy with only two feet make all that noise?" said the impatient father as Johnny clattered down the stairs.

"Never mind," said the mother. "Let us be thankful he isn't a centipede."—Washington Star.

Cheerfully Admitted.

"Owen Flannagan? Are you Owen Flannagan?" said the clerk of the court.

"Yes, begorra," replied the prisoner, with a merry twinkle in his eye. "I'm owla' everybody!"—The Bitts.

Growth of the Idea.

"Remember, my son, there is no short cut to learning."

"O, yes, there is, dad. All you have to do nowadays is to read five feet of books."—Chicago Tribune.

Broken in Time.

Dyer—Did his widow succeed in breaking his will?

Duell—Yes, long before he died.—Pick-me-up.

Between Meals.

The Mauretanian's new route, which enables people to eat breakfast in New York on Wednesday and dinner in London on Monday, will be a great help to these tourists who are not able to eat anything in the meantime.—Indianapolis News.

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